

CAN YOUR LEVEL C READER DO THESE THINGS?

- They begin to read more smoothly, they can group words together, not read just word-by-word.
- They can use their eyes to read and don't use their finger to track the words unless its a tricky word.
- They start using some expression when they read, they can change their voice if characters are talking.
- They can correct themselves if they stumble on a hard word. They can cover up a part of the word and read the part they see. (For example, if the word is *cooking*, cover up the -ing)

HOW CAN I HELP MY CHILD MOVE TO THE NEXT READING LEVEL?

- Keep reading every night!
- When reading to a child:
 - Have your child share a prediction, "I think ___ will happen because ___," or connection, "This reminds me of ___ because of ___ (a personal experience)."
 - After reading have your child recall what happened in the beginning, middle and end.
 - Point out a new or challenging word, give them a kid-friendly definition (*Female means girl*).

WHEN MY CHILD READS TO ME:

- Have your child read a level C book to you every day, or a level D book with your help.
- Point out words that have the "h" digraph - ch, sh, th, wh. Help sound these words out.
- Have them show you a tricky word, look for a smaller word in the bigger word - he for here, ake for cake.
- Using expression, read a sentence for your child. Then have them re-read the sentence and match their voice to how you read it.
- Ask them to check if what they read made sense. Does it go along with the pictures?
- Talk about punctuation and what it means when we see a period (*I am for telling.*), exclamation point (*I am for yelling!*), question mark (*I am for asking?*).

PRACTICE THESE SIGHT WORDS WITH YOUR CHILD:

I, a, and, at, am, can, do, he, go, is, in, it, like, my, me, no, on, so, see, the, to, we, up

HOW CAN I FIND OUT THE LEVEL OF A BOOK?

Instantly get the Guided Reading level letter of any book by entering the title or scanning the barcode using the free app, *BookWizard*.

LEVEL C BOOKS:

Brown Bear Brown Bear What Do You See? By Eric Carle
Good News Bad News by Jeff Mack
I Went Walking by Sue Williams
Hot Dog by Molly Cox

WHAT ARE FEATURES OF A LEVEL C BOOK?

- Characters begin to have dialogue using the word "said"
- Some simple contractions and words with apostrophes
- Supportive picture clues
- 2 to 5 lines of text on each page



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